स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन के लिए आवेदन

2095. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्वतंत्रता सेनानी श्री रामेश्वर प्रसाद मेहरोत्रा निवासी 42, सम्मेलन मार्ग, इलाहाबाद का पेंशन दिए जाने संबंधी आवेदन लम्बित है;

(ख) इस आवेदन को अभी तक स्वीकृति न दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इसे कब तक स्वीकृति दे दिए जाने की संभावना है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०एम० जैकब): (क) से (ग) श्री रामेश्वर प्रसाद मेहरोत्रा को केन्द्रीय स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन की मंजूरी के लिए हाल ही में माननीय सदस्य से एक पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है। मामले को उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के साथ उठाया गया था, उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि केन्द्रीय स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन की मंजूरी के लिए उसे रामेश्वर प्रसाद मेहरोत्रा का कोई आवेदन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। कार्य-विधि के अनुसार श्री मेहरोत्रा से अनुरोध किया गया था कि वे उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के माध्यम से निर्धारित फार्म में आवेदन भेजें, जिसके साथ सरकारी रिकार्ड से दस्तावेजी प्रमाण भी संलग्न हों। साथ ही साथ उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से भी अनुरोध किया गया था कि वह श्री मेहरोत्रा को पेंशन की मंजूरी करने के लिए इनकी पात्रता के बारे में अपनी विशिष्ट रिपोर्ट/सिफारिश भेजे, ताकि यह मंत्रालय श्री मेहरोत्रा के मामले पर अंतिम निर्णय ले सके।

TA/DA of Central Ministers

2096. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on TA and DA of Central Ministers during the last six months; and

(b) the details of the foreign visit made by the Central Ministers and officials during the above period and the expenses incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Censor on Press in Punjab

2097. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARAYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that undeclared censorship was imposed on Press in Punjab the period of elections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that leading newspapers were coming put with blank spaces to protest against the censorship; and

(c) what were the circumstances that led to the imposition of censorship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) (a) and (c) The Government of Punjab has intimated that no censorship was resorted to on press during the period of election. However, some Deputy Commissioners had exercised their powers under Section 95 of Cr. P.C. to stop writing of subversive material to ensure free, fair and peaceful election in the State.

(b) Some of the Newspapers during the election period were coming out with blank spaces to protest against the action of the Deputy Commissioners under Section 95 of Cr. P.C.

Shortage of Doctors in Para-Military Forces

2098. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a acute shortage of doctors in para-military forces like BSF, CRPF, ITBP etc., if so, the extent of shortage and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the measures Government have taken to recruit more doctors for these forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME

AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The following number of medical posts in the para-Military Forces are lying vacant:—

BSF	:	69
CRPF	:	105
ITBP	:	40
CISF	:	7
Assam Rifles	:	235

BSF and ITBP are taking action to fill up the vacancies from the lists of candidates approved by the Government. CRPF are taking action to fill up 59 vacancies from the list of candidates approved by Government and 4 vacancies by promotion. Remaining 42 vacancies are proposed to be filled through direct recruitment by a fresh selection.

The posts in CISF and Assam Rifles are included in the Central Health Services and the Vacancies are continuing because the selected candidates are reluctant to join these posts. The Union Public Service Commission are conducting a special recruitment for filling 200 posts of medical officers in Assam Rifles. Remaining 35 vacancies are proposed to be filled up by posting of doctors from the Central Health Service.

Amendment of Criminal Procedure Code

2099. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the "Criminal Procedure Code"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Code of Cirminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1988 which was introducted in the Lok Sabha on 13-5-1988, lapsed on dissolution of the Lok Sabha. The question of undertaking legislation on the lines of the lapsed Bill with certain modifications is engaging the attention of the Government.

Three tier strategy to tackle Kashmir problem

2100. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have envolved a 3-tier strategy to tackle the Kashmir-militants problem, continuing the security offensive against secessionists with a fresh move to woo them to give up militancy by offering them an economic package for employment and development;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Government is continuing with the strong pressure against the terrorists and an effective vigil on the border to contain the infiltration/exfiltration.

For increasing interaction with the people in the State, a State Advisory Council has been recently constituted. Efforts are also continuing to set up in the Valley District Advisory Groups which are already functioning in Jammu region.

A meeting of the leaders of political parties and prominent personalities of the State was held on 13th November 1991. The consultative Committee of the Home Ministry also exclusively discussed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir in its meeting held on 13th December, 1991. The National Integration Council on 31st December, 1991 and all party conference on 10th February, 1992 also deliberated on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Detention of Editor of 'Tamil Nation'

2101. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Sivanayagam, Editor "Tamil Nation" Magazine has been detained in Tamil Nadu under N.S.A; and